III. REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 9 and 10, without prejudice. Claims 3 and 5-7 were previously canceled. As a result, claims 1, 2, 4 and 8 are pending in this application. Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the amendment is proper since it requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. In particular, deletion of the claim will not require any further search or examination. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter in canceled claims 3, 5-7, 9 and 10 is not patentable.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims remain in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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